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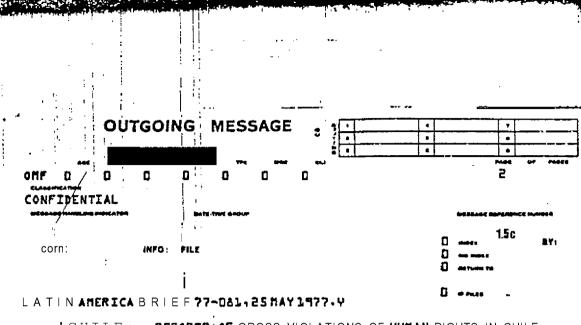
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'CHILE: REPORTS OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE.

WHICH HAD NEARLY CEASED EARLIER THIS YEAR ARE AGAIN ON THE RISE.

THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT IS REVERTING TO THE PRACTICES

THAT HAVE JEOPARDIZED ITS INTERNATIONAL STANDING SINCE THE 1973 COUP.@

THIS BACKSLIDING CORES AT A PARTICULARLY BAD TIRE FOR CHILE.

SINCE APPARENT IMPROVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WAS HELPING IMPROVE, ITS IMAGEABROAD. CRITICS WILLNOWHAVE, ADDITIONAL

AMMUNITION FOR THE IRATTACKS ON THE IRAP PEALS TO BOY COTT IT.

CHILE'S NATIONAL' INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE IS APPARENTLY BEHIND

THE RECENT INCREASE IN TORTURE. ILLEGAL DETENTIONS. AND UNEXPLAINED

"DISAPPEARANCES." THE DIRECTORATE'S CHIEF, COLONEL HANUEL CONTRERAS.

IS A CLOSE CONFIDANT OF PINOCHET. WHO ACCLAIMED THE ORGANIZATION IN

A RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW FOR ITS "DECISIVE ROLE" IN BRINGING

EXTREMISM UNDER CONTROL. CONTRERAS ANSWERS DIRECTLY TO THE PRESI
DENT, AND IT /SUNLIKELY THAT HE WOULD ACT WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE

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MOST OF THE DIRECTORATE'S TARGETS NOW APPEAR TO BESOCIALISTS.

BUT SOME COMMUNISTS AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE ALSO VICTIMS. A

CAMPAIGN AGAINST COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS LAST YEAR LARGELY IMMOBILITED THAT ORGANIZATION. AND THE SECURITY SERVICES ARE APPARENTLY

TURNING TO OTHER OPPONENTS. THE DIRECTORATE IS

THE DIRECTORATE'S DETENTION FACILITY AT CUATRO ALAMOSISSAID

TO BE IN OPERATION AGAIN. THIS SITE WAS LARGELY ABANDONED AFTER A

DECREE IN JANUARY 1976 EMPOWERED THE SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT AND

THE INTERIOR MINISTER TO INSPECT—WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE—AREAS

SUSPECTED OF BEING USED FOR TORTURE. NEITHER OFFICIAL APPEARS TO

HAVE EXERCISED THIS AUTHORITY SINCE LAST YEAR.

PINOCHET STATED THIS WEEK THAT THE EMERGENCY MEASURES IN EFFECT

UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGE WILLBE 'ENFORCED AS LONG AS NECESSARY

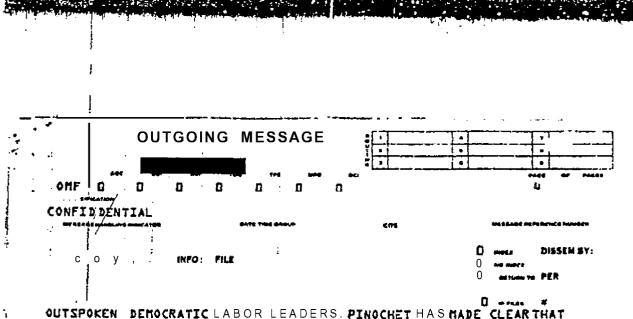
"TOREPRESS DRASTICALLY ANY ATTEMPT THAT MIGHT BEC-ME A THREAT TO

INTERNAL SECURITY O ROCHESTIC PEACE. "FOLLOWING HIS RECENT CRACK
DOWN ON FORMER PRESIDENT FREI'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ON

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OUTSPOKEN DEMOCRATIC LABOR LEADERS. PINOCHET HAS MADE CLEAR THAT

HE WILL MOVE HARSHLY AGAINSTA NYON EWHORUNS AFOUL OF HIS GOVERN
MENT.

THE PRESIDENT MAY BELIEVE THAT THE CUTOFF IN US AID HAS REMOVED WASHINGTON'S LEVERAGE AGAINST HIS REGIMES ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS

ISSUE. HE MAY ALSO BE BYOYED BY THE GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE

COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION. IN ANY. CASE. REPORTS OF INCREASED

REPRESSION ARE SURE TO LEAK OUT, REFUELING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CON-

